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October 31, 2019

Patrick Norton, Board Chairman
Joel Castro, CEO
Cohen College Prep
2301 Marengo St.
New Orleans, LA 70115

Re: Notice of Non-Compliance, Level 2, SPLC CAP (Child Find)

Dear Mr. Norton and Mr. Castro:

I am writing to inform you that Walter L. Cohen College Prep ("Cohen") is receiving this Level 2 Notice of Non-Compliance based upon recent outcomes of a formal review of the school's special education practices conducted by the Louisiana Department of Education Division of Program Monitoring (LDOE) and the Independent Monitor, under *P.B., et al. v. John White, et al.*, Case 2:10-cv-04049. OPSB was notified by the LDOE that Cohen was placed on a Corrective Action Plan for non-compliance with Child Find obligations under the *P.B.* Consent Judgment, based upon results of LDOE and independent monitoring of your school during the 2018-2019 school year. Therefore, the school is considered not in compliance with its contractual obligations regarding supporting students with disabilities.

At this time, Walter L. Cohen is not meeting expectations with regards to its legal obligations under IDEA, Part B program and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. It is critically important that your organization addresses the concerns noted by the LDOE immediately. In order to return to good standing, Cohen will need to successfully exit the CAP issued by the LDOE. OPSB will await confirmation of the LDOE's assessment and make any additional reviews for compliance it sees fit before Cohen can return to good standing.

We look forward to your compliance by the determined timelines of the LDOE. Failure to respond to these remedies may result in escalated consequences, including, but not limited to, additional intervention or reduction in charter term upon renewal.

Please contact Gayla Robbins Mair at gmair@nolapublicschools.com with any questions that you may have regarding

Yours in Education,

Kelli R. Peterson, Ed.D.
Chief Portfolio Innovation & Accountability Officer

Cc: Dr. Henderson Lewis, Superintendent, OPSB